



**2021  
Tournament  
Information  
Guide**

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

### Entering and Exiting the Facility

- All attendees (players, coaches and spectators) must wear masks properly covering the mouth and nose at all times when in the facilities.
- Wave start times on Saturday will be 7:15 am, 11:00 am, 2:45 pm and 6:30 pm. This is the only format that will allow us to minimize the number of people and increase the spacing necessary. When planning your arrival time, please note that players will be allowed into the facility 45 minutes prior to the start of their wave time and spectators (1 per participant) will be allowed into the facility 30 minutes prior to their wave time. The same applies for arrival on Sunday; players can arrive 45 minutes and spectators 30 minutes prior to their first match. **Please do not arrive earlier than this timeframe as we need to allow adequate time for previous wave players to leave the building and to allow for parking.**
- We are able to allow one spectator per participant.
- Based on the capacities of the buildings we are using as mandated by the MDHHS, we have projected the numbers attending the event based on the number of players, spectators, coaches, etc. It is important that we stick to these capacities. To help ensure this, we will be checking the number of spectators that enter by team at the door. Parents can swap mid-day by coming to the admission table and swapping with the other person. **It is imperative that parents understand that we would prefer to let them all in, but we simply can't given the current circumstances.**
- All attendees will need to pass a digital health screen prior to entering all facilities on each day of competition. All players 13-19 years of age will be asked to confirm that they are following the MDHHS guidelines regarding testing weekly testing. You can access the link to the health screen at [www.mielite.com/healthscreen](http://www.mielite.com/healthscreen). There is one screen for anyone attending Schoolcraft College and a different one for anyone attending any of the other venues. The different links are clearly marked on the website and in the QR codes at each site. All attendees (players, coaches, spectators, referees, etc.) must complete the health screen. Once completed the health screen will display a screen denoting your results. Please show this screen to the tournament staff prior to entering the tournament facilities. You can go through the screening process at any time the night before or the morning of you matches.
- Links and QR codes are posted at the facilities and online which will allow everyone to access the questions. We are required to gather certain information for contact tracing purposes, per state mandate. You can access the health screens at [www.mielite.com/healthscreen](http://www.mielite.com/healthscreen). You should access and complete the health screens prior to arriving on site to help facilitate easy access to the facility.
- Once an attendee enters the facility, please proceed directly to your court.
- Once your match and reffing duties are complete, we ask that you exit the building.
- Seating will be available in the St. Joseph's Mercy Elite Sports Center at Schoolcraft College (no outside chairs allowed). Outside chairs are allowed at Blue Water Sports Center, Elite SportsPlex, Total Sports, and the United Wholesale Mortgage Sport Center (formerly known as Ultimate Soccer). Please allow for six feet of spacing between chairs and please use multiple rows of seating around each court.
- Restrooms will be open, but we ask that you not congregate with others in the restrooms.
- Avoid congregating in groups with individuals outside of your team as spectators or amongst teams between matches.

## SCHEDULE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Play Schedule:**

The play schedule will be posted on [www.advancedeventsystems.com](http://www.advancedeventsystems.com). Scores will be updated after every match on Advanced Event Systems. Please make sure you look at your reffing and playing assignments as each day progresses. Given the MDHHS orders regarding building capacities, we will be utilizing a few different pool formats to minimize the amount of time people are in the building, to minimize the number of people in the building at any given time and to maximize the ability to social distance during matches.

Pools will happen in one of three formats and pools will typically consist of three or four teams (We will primarily be using pool configurations that have the four teams in the pool playing 3 straight matches and being finished for the day):

- 1) Teams will play a four team pool on two courts. This will require that each team provide two parents to perform scorekeeping, lineup tracking and line judging duties. There will not be a down ref. If you are playing in this type of pool, teams will play three straight matches and be done for the day on Saturday. Wave start times will be 7:15 am, 11:00 am, 2:45 pm and 6:30 pm.
- 2) Teams will play in traditional four team pools and play three matches within a 6 hour period. Wave times will be Saturday 7:30 am – 1:30pm and 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
- 3) If your pool consists of 3 teams, you will play two matches with three sets to 25 each, with both matches being listed on AES.

There will be a limited number of standard 4 team and 3 team pools as most will be pools of 4 teams on 2 courts. If there are last minute changes to the schedule, the four team pools (on 1 court or 2) may simply be switched to 3 team pools playing 3 sets to 25.

Work teams - With the four teams on two courts, each team will be required to provide two parents for each match, one to work the table and one to line judge. This also allows us to minimize the number of people in the venues at any given time and potentially shortens the day for each team.

All matches and start times will be listed on AES.

Each team will play a minimum of six sets on Saturday and two matches on Sunday. Once each wave starts, we will play ahead of schedule as play allows.

### **Ticket Sales – Admission:**

**Single Day Pass:** \$10.      **2 Day Pass:** \$20

Purchases can be made via credit card or cash.

Admission fee is good at all facilities for that day or the weekend with a 2 day pass if you move between facilities. Doors will open at each facility at 6:30 a.m. for players and 6:45 am for spectators. Players will be allowed to enter 45 minutes before their first match time and parents will be allowed 30

minutes prior to their first match time. Tickets will be sold at the door all day Saturday and Sunday at the entrance of each facility.

All spectators must be wearing a wristband to gain access to the area where the courts are located. We will have security monitoring the door checking for wristbands. Wristbands must be worn and not attached to a bag. Putting your wristband on a purse, bag, or anywhere other than your wrist will result in denied entry to the playing area. There are no replacements for lost or forgotten wristbands. If you lose your wristband, leave it at home, leave it in your hotel room, etc., you will need to purchase another one. All sales are final. No refunds will be given.

### **Team Check-in:**

TEAMS MUST CHECK IN ONLINE IN AES BETWEEN TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 AND THURSDAY APRIL 15, 2021.

Rosters will be verified online when you check in online. The receipt you receive after check in will be your coach's credential. Players will be granted entry by having their volleyball gear.

### **Tournament Play:**

Matches will begin no later than 10 minutes from the conclusion of the preceding match. Matches will begin ahead of schedule as play allows. Wave start times will not be moved up. Subsequent rounds and bracket play matches will be moved up whenever time allows. At the start time, if teams are not ready to play, the opposing team will be awarded one point per minute. After ten minutes, the first game will then be forfeited. The second game and match will also be forfeited after an additional 10 minutes.

There are caps on first two sets at 27 and no caps on third set, unless it is a three team pool, where all three sets will be played to 25 with caps at 27.

Coaches are allowed to designate 2 liberos. The libero is allowed to serve for one position.

U12's will serve from normal service line.

### **Work Team Assignments:**

First official will be provided for all matches.

If your team is playing in a pool which has four teams assigned to two courts, each team will be required to provide two parents to perform scorekeeping, lineup tracking and line judging duties.

If your team is playing in a four team or three team pool on one court each team is responsible to provide: 1 down official, 2 lines people, 1 official scorekeeper, 1 libero tracker and 1 person for flip score. You are responsible for your own whistles.

No phones or food are allowed for the working teams at work tables. All coaches/teams need to double check their reffing assignments throughout the weekend, especially Sunday. Please check in with your Site Director to insure your reffing duties are fulfilled before leaving on Sunday.

If you are late for your officiating assignment, the same penalties apply as to match and forfeit times. All penalties will be carried over to the following day if necessary. Please check closely to be sure you know the schedule. If you are uncertain please ask the tournament director at your site. On time means the start of warm-ups, not match start time.

It is required that a coach or other adult team representative remains in the scorers table or bench area during team officiating assignments.

**During any bracket play on Sunday, all losing teams must stay and provide the work team for the following match unless specified differently.** The game scheduled on your court may or may not be part of your division. If your match is switched to another court you are still required to provide the work team.

## **WARM-UP PROCEDURES**

For all matches during the event, warm-up time will depend on the format of your court. If your pool is 4 teams on 2 courts, the warmup prior to your first match will be 2-4-4. 2 minutes for shared ball handling, 4 minutes for the serving team to have the entire court, 4 minutes for the receiving team to have the entire court. For subsequent matches, there will be a 5 minute shared court warmup.

If you are playing in a traditional 4 team or 3 team pool on one court, the warmup prior to each match will be 2-4-4. 2 minutes for shared ball handling, 4 minutes for the serving team to have the entire court, 4 minutes for the receiving team to have the entire court.

Matches will be played ahead of schedule if possible. We are asking teams to help shag for the opponent during warm-ups to keep balls off other courts.

Warm-up balls are not provided at the United Wholesale Mortgage Sport Center (formerly known as Ultimate Soccer) or Total Sports Park, so please bring your own warm-up balls at these sites

Warm-up balls are provided at the St. Joseph's Mercy Elite Sports Center and Schoolcraft Gym, Blue Water Sports Center in Warren and Elite SportsPlex.

## **SCHEDULE INFORMATION & RESULTS**

Complete posting of results and next round of play will be available on the Advanced Events Systems website (<http://www.advancedeventsystems.com>.) or in the AES Xpress app (no longer available in the App Store). This is the official schedule. There will not be any posting of pool results around tournament desk. Check the internet for all results. Before leaving your site, be sure to check your schedule carefully for the next day. Site Directors and officials will not be held accountable for miscommunication or schedule interpretations. The official tournament posting on the internet are the only source that will be considered should a dispute arise.

**PLEASE INSURE THAT YOU CAN ACCESS THE  
AES WEBSITE ON YOUR PHONE OR MOBILE DEVICE**

## **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES**

During pool play, only ties in pools that affect who will advance to the Gold bracket in the Open & Premier Divisions will be considered for a tie-breaker match. All other divisions will be determined by the tiebreaking formulas in AES, which are outlined below.

Two way ties - Head to head pool results will always determine the winner.

Three way ties - If a three way tie occurs, the results will be determined as follows:

- Match Record

- Set winning percentage (if still tied)
- Point percentage within pool play
- Coin Flip

## PROTEST PROCEDURES:

If a protest needs to be filed it must be done at the time of the incident, no later. The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. For U15 -U18 teams, only the floor captain may file a protest. For U12-U14 teams, the coach or the floor captain may protest. The protest must be written on the score sheet by the official scorekeeper or the first-official and must be signed by the person presenting the protest as well as the first official. All protests will be ruled upon prior to the next service. Judgment calls may not be protested. Protests will be considered only for situations outlined in the United States Volleyball Official Rules booklet. The Head Official will handle all protests and their rulings are final.

## GENERAL RULES:

Everyone (Players, Spectators, Coaches and Referees) must wear a facemask properly covering nose and mouth at all times while in the facilities.

Only AAU registered members are allowed on the court.

AAU Registered coach must be on the bench. A team without an AAU registered coach is considered incomplete and may not play.

Any abuse of tournament officials or staff by players, coaches or parents will result in that person's removal from the tournament.

Chairs that are provided for team benches may not be moved or taken to another area.

Outside team food will not be allowed at all sites. Most pools will only be in the gym for 3-4 hours, but players can pack individual food in their bag. Check the information for each site below.

Tournament gear and t-shirts will be sold at all locations by Fine Designs.

Trainers will be available at UWMSC, St. Josephs' Mercy Elite Sports Center, and Elite Sports Plex and Warren. Ice will be available at all locations. Bring your own tape and supplies if you need to be taped.

**PLAY SITE INFORMATION** - Smoking is not permitted inside or on the grounds of any facility. No outside food allowed at any facilities

- UWMSC - United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex (formerly Ultimate Soccer) - 867 South Blvd. E, Pontiac, MI 48341 - folding chairs allowed and encouraged, seating available on certain courts, no outside food/coolers. Full concessions available, parking available in adjacent lots, entrances in front and back of building – **warm up balls NOT provided**

**Parking** - see parking map on website for further details. Please carpool as much as possible. Once the front parking lot at Ultimate Soccer fills, there will be a drop-off area at the rear entrance available only for individuals who need special assistance. Traffic flow into this area will be controlled and limited. Please do not arrive early to park as we need to let cars from the previous wave exit to allow for ample parking.

- SJMES - St. Joseph's Mercy Elite Sports Center and Schoolcraft Gymnasium – 1860 Haggerty, Livonia, MI 48152 – enter through the St. Joseph's Mercy Elite Sports Center

entrance. No outside chairs allowed, plenty of seating provided, full concessions available, **Parking** - plenty of free parking available

- ESP - Elite Sportsplex, 2220 Mall Dr. East Waterford, MI 48328 - folding chairs allowed, some seating available, no outside food/coolers. Concessions available – warm up balls provided, **Parking** - plenty of free parking available
- TSP - Total Sports Park - 65665 Powell Rd. Washington, MI 48095 - folding chairs allowed, some seating available, no outside food/coolers. Full concessions available – warmup balls not provided, **Parking** - plenty of free parking available
- WRN - Blue Water Sports Center - Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy, 6881 W. Chicago Rd Warren MI 48092
  - Parking at Blue Water Sports Center is available in their lots, along Denton Street on the west wide of the building. Parking is not allowed in the lot across Chicago Road from the facility or in the parking lots of any businesses along Denton Street. Parking is also available at Jaxx Diamond Baseball, located just east of the facility, around the perimeter and at the back of their lot.